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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

Applicant: Hirobumi SUGIYAMA et al.

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Filed: January 26, 2001

For: ELECTRONIC SETTLEMENT SYSTEM

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Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Substitute Declaration for the above-referenced application, indicating the correct spelling of the word Settlement in the title of the application filed on January 26, 2001.

It is respectfully requested that receipt of this Declaration be acknowledged.

Should any fee be required, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002 and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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